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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Jin-Sung Chung Confirmation No.: 5932
Serial No.: 10/644,462 Examiner: Lynne Ann Gurley

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For: METHODS FOR FORMING METAL INTERCONNECTIONS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES USING A BUFFER LAYER ON A

TRENCH SIDEWALL, AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES SO FORMED

April 21, 2004

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Amendment to address the issues raised in the Office Action mailed January 22, 2004.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s)-including fees for net addition of claims-are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.